

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
City Council Workshop
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA
June 3, 2020
6:30 P.M.

NOTE: THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD BY WEB CONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL: ANDREWS_X_ GUSTAFSON_X_ LEEHY_X_
MIAZGA_X_ WEHYEE_X_

STAFF PRESENT: THONGVANH_X_ NANDKUMAR_X_

C. PRESENTATIONS:

D. POLICY ITEMS:

1. Fire Services Contract with Lauderdale

- The City of Lauderdale received a quote from the City of St. Paul for fire services. Lauderdale has every right to search for bids from other Fire Departments, but the City of Falcon Heights requested that they be notified so they could bid, which did not happen.
- The City of Lauderdale discussed at their City Council meeting about the terms of ending the contract with the City of Falcon Heights early. There has been no communication to the City of Falcon Heights in regards to this. Notification would have to happen by July 15, and the contract goes to December 31.
- Ending the contract early would affect the Fire Relief money, which is tied to the end of the year. The money would then go to the City of Lauderdale.
- Fire Relief is the retirement aid from the State. The money is divided amongst the members once the full year has been completed.
- City of Lauderdale has to pay the capital outlay on the ladder truck for the remaining 4 years if they terminate the contract.
- The risk of having a Volunteer Fire Department is that there may not be enough Fire Fighters to respond to a call.

2. Roaming Cats

- There have been a couple of complaints about cats not being on leashes in the Falcon Woods area. The cat's owner allows certain behaviors for the cats.
- Resident in the Falcon Woods area would like to see more restrictions on cats.
- City of Roseville, Lauderdale and Shoreview have ordinances in regards to cats. The ordinances refer to the cats being leashed or held when they are off the owner's property.

3. Re-opening playground/courts
 - Parks Commission has worked on signage. Other communities have started to reopen their parks and courts.
 - Courts can reopen once the signage has been printed and placed in parks.
4. Ice Cream Social
 - Governor's orders state that outdoor large groups are limited to 250 people. This is the typical threshold of Ice Cream Social.
 - Various community vendors were at the previous year's Ice Cream Social. Assistant to the City Administrator will reach out to vendors.
5. Community Statement- George Floyd
 - Council Member Wehyee prepared a Community Statement about George Floyd's death.
 - There were various resources that were created for/by the City of Falcon Heights during the Philando Castile shooting. The Community Statement will focus on the examples that were done during that time and be shared with the community.
 - Resolution denouncing hate-speech acts was also created, and this promotes our initiative of cultivating a caring community.
6. Restoration/Unity Day/Peace Garden
 - Unity (July 7) and Restoration Day (July 6) is held at the lawn of City Hall.
 - On Restoration Day, everybody does their own work and no events are held. On Unity Day, there is a more collective gathering.
 - One idea would be a drive-thru barbecue for Unity Day. Physical distancing will still be possible on the lawn area.
 - Further discussion will take place with City Staff.
 - Peace Garden Committee has requested that the City provide water to the garden by the memorial. The City will provide water but there will be further discussion about payment.

E. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council Member Wehyee and Leehy have shared their thoughts about George Floyd's death.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 8:45PM



Randy Gustafson, Mayor

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2020



Sack Thongvanh, City Administrator